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INTERIM DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

I am pleased to appoint Christian Schock as Interim Director of the Community, Planning and Economic Development Department of the City of Wausau effective June 20, 2016 for a period anticipated to last no more than 6 months. The current Director Ann Werth will be retiring after 39.5 years (that is not a typo!) of outstanding service to the city on July 5, 2016. I congratulate Ann on her well-earned retirement and express our thanks for her commitment to the city and our citizens over a stellar career that has spanned 7 Mayoral administrations and 20 City Councils.

I welcome Christian to the position as Interim Director following the last 1.5 years as our Economic Development Manager which has included many achievements for the City including the landmark East Riverfront Redevelopment proposals, unveiling of the new Live It Up homesteading partnership program, and securing the largest expansion of the Wausau Business Campus in decades. As you may know, Christian is relatively new to Wausau and previously served as Executive Director of the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) in Ohio. During his tenure there the CCRPC won local, state and national recognition including the 2013 National Planning Achievement Award for Innovation in Economic Development from the American Planning Association.

Christian brings over 17 years of professional experience including roles with the City of Los Angeles, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He holds bachelor and master degrees in urban planning from the University of Cincinnati where he served as University Student Body President and a master degree in development economics from the London School of Economics.

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